



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C39
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NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed May 14, 2004 in this case. This RCE filing and Preliminary Amendment are being timely filed concurrent with a Petition for Extension of Time for five months to maintain co-pendency of this application. Entry of these amendments and arguments are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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